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**Goat & Sheep Weigh-In & Swine Tagging**

Sunday, May 4 at the Fairgrounds

- **Goat Weigh-In**: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- **Swine Tagging**: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Sheep Weigh-In**: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Members enrolled in these projects must bring their fair animals to the Isabella County fairgrounds during these times for weighing and tagging. Goat weigh-in is for wethers only.

**Scholarship Opportunity**

The Isabella County Royalty Program is more than just tiaras, fair week, parades and other social events. It is an opportunity for our young ladies and gentlemen to share their experiences, accomplishments and be a role model for others. One of the many rewards of the program is scholarship money to help fund a college education. Two divisions will be offered and are open to boys and girls: Senior Division for ages 15-19 and Junior Division for ages 9-14 (by January 1 of current year).

Application packets are available here or at the Extension office. You may also request a packet from isabellaroyalty@gmail.com and one will be emailed to you. All applications are due on May 9, 2014.

Winners of the Senior and Junior divisions will be announced on July 6, 2014 at the 4-H Camp. This event is open to all 4-H members, leaders and families.

**Fairground Clean-Up & Work Bee Weekend**

June 28 & 29

Plans are being made to coordinate a work bee at the Fairgrounds. This event is open to all 4-H members, families and leaders. What a great opportunity for community service as a club! A little elbow grease and volunteer expertise can go a long way.

If you have suggestions for work to be done, to volunteer/sign-up to help, or other inquiries, you can contact: amyamstelvogel@gmail.com
CLUB CORNER

**Aim High** - Teen leaders worked with groups of members to take photos of miscellaneous items as part of a club-wide scavenger hunt. We will use prints of the photos for scrapbooking and other paper craft projects at the April meeting. We will also have laptops available to work on digital photography ideas next month. We covered basic information on the small animal project areas, shooting sports, and horses. The upcoming county rabbit/cavy show was discussed and various service opportunities were shared. Members were reminded if they are interested in Exploration Days, get registered soon as classes fill up quickly.

**Barn Yard Kids** - At our March meeting we chose a new T-shirt design, which was designed by Mallory O'Dell. We discussed several items like new float designs, stall decorating ideas, fundraiser ideas, and went over the March newsletter.

**Evergreen** - At our March meeting we discussed our February spaghetti dinner fundraiser and the profit we made. We will be donating money again from our fundraiser to go to improvements at the fairgrounds. A committee was formed to help with this. We also asked for volunteers for committees for a car wash/bake sale and also for how we will decorate barns for the fair. We had members present information on Shooting Sports. Our next meeting we will have a feed/animal speaker attending.

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**Small Animal News**

- Our next Small Animal Association meeting will be on Thursday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m.
- County-wide showmanship clinics have been set for June 17, June 23, July 2, and July 10 in the small animal barn from 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. There will also be a clinic on Sunday, June 8, from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. These clinics are meant to be a practice session for all small animal members and their goat, rabbit, or poultry project animal (dog classes have already begun and will continue until fair). At each clinic, all small animal adult and teen superintendents will be on hand to answer questions, teach proper showmanship steps/methods, and assist with other knowledge to better prepare 4-H’ers for judging at the fair. Several individual clubs also provide showmanship practice for their members, which are excellent learning opportunities for 4-H’ers. The clinics mentioned above are in addition to those club clinics and are our way of supporting the small animal 4-H members for all of Isabella County. We hope you will take advantage of as many as you can attend.

**Isabella County 4-H Scholarship**

Isabella County offers two $500 scholarships to 4-H members or former members each year. The scholarship recipient must be enrolled at an institution of higher learning and have been involved with 4-H in Isabella County. The scholarship is not limited to college freshmen.

To get an application, click here: [Isabella County 4-H Scholarship](#) or you may pick one up at the Extension office. Applications are due back to the office by April 30. The scholarship recipients will be notified by May 15.

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**2014 Isabella County Fair Camping News**

Registration forms will be mailed soon to the 2013 fair campers. Please read your letter carefully for the reservation dates. Open reservations will be on May 1, 2014 at the Fair Office between 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. After May 1, you may call 989-465-6660 for reservations.
Tractor Supply Spring Paper Clover Promotion
April 23 - May 4

Help is needed for the spring Tractor Supply Company Spring Paper Clover Campaign that will run April 23 - May 4. TSC is a great supporter of 4-H!

We are asking members, families, and clubs to help promote the event at our local Tractor Supply Store. Try displaying your record books or projects or have a bake sale! Contact the MSU Extension office if you are interested in participating in the promotion at the store.

Fair Ride Specials
Maple Leaf Amusements will be offering advance pay, ride specials for the month of May. From May 1 – 31, 4-H and FFA families will be able to purchase ride wristbands for the 2014 Isabella County Fair for $8.00 each. The wristband may be used any one day during the 2014 Isabella County Fair. Each family may buy as many bands as the family will need for the week. For more information and to purchase call Deb at 989-465-6660.

Service Opportunity - at the Isabella County Rabbit & Cavy Show
Do you need a few hours of community service? Plan to join us Friday, May 9, anytime between 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., in the Merchant’s Building at the fair grounds -- put it on your calendar now as it really isn’t that far away. We will be setting up equipment and various displays for the 2014 Isabella County Rabbit & Cavy Show. We also need many volunteers throughout the day on May 10 while the show is in progress; specifically beginning at 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (give or take a bit) to put everything away. We have a variety of jobs for a variety of people. For more specific details and to volunteer, please call Angie Coldwell at 828-6229. We are also accepting items for our silent auction; the proceeds from the auction help defer the expenses of this event.

Broiler Chick Orders
Time to order your broiler chicks! Orders need to be placed at the Extension office by April 29. Approximate cost per bird including shipping is $1.61 each if we are able to order 100 birds.

Call the Extension office to order. If you have any questions, call Darlene at 828-4618 or Wanda at 828-5833.

T-shirts Needed
Crackerjack 4-H club is in need of t-shirts (all sizes) to make aprons for the food stand. If you have some you are willing to donate, please drop them off to the Extension office.

Hunter Safety Classes
April 8, 9, 10 & 11 at Jays Sporting Goods

You must attend all 4 days at the Clare location. Everyone must pre-register by calling RJ Meyer's at 989-433-0184.

May 17 & 18 at the Isabella Sportsman’s Club (corner of Winn & Millbrook Roads)

To register, contact ICSC Hunter Safety Education Committee Chair, Dave Randall at 989-967-3355.

Project Record Binders
If you are in need of a 3 ring binder for project records, please stop by our office. We have gently used binders available. They would be perfect for project record books.

2014 4-H Calendars
There still are 4-H calendars available at the office, in case you have not yet received one. Stop by and get one!
**4-H Science Day with the Lansing Lugnuts**
Saturday, April 26  
2:05 p.m.  
Cooley Law School Stadium, Lansing

Tickets are now available for the 2014 4-H Science Day with the Lansing Lugnuts. The event provides a unique opportunity for both 4-H and non-4-H youth and their families to explore the exciting world of science while enjoying a game of baseball. The day will feature hands-on learning activities at more than 10 science stations, as well as a chance to discover first-hand how science intersects with everyday life – including a day at the ballpark! Attendees will learn the science behind throwing a curveball, keeping the fields green, and their favorite stadium treat.

Don’t miss the fun – come join Big Lug for an action-packed day of science, sport and FUN! Tickets are available online for $10 each until April 18. Children 2 and under are free. Additional details and ticket ordering info can be found at tinyurl.com/4-HSciDay.

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**Singers Needed at 4-H Science Day With the Lugnuts**
As a part of the 4-H Science Day With the Lugnuts on April 26, 4-H youth will be invited to sing both God Bless America and the National Anthem in front of the crowd at Cooley Law School Stadium in Lansing. Individuals as well as groups of youth are encouraged to apply.

Interested youth should send an email to Leah Christie at chris483@anr.msu.edu indicating their interest in singing one of the songs. In addition, interested youth should send a recording of a singing performance (this does not have to be a formal performance). Recordings could be a link to an Internet file (like a YouTube video) that could be emailed to Leah Christie or the recordings could be on a DVD or cassette, mailed to Leah at the address below. An email indicating interest and a recording must be received by April 11. A selection committee will review the recordings and select the winning youth by April 18. Youth selected to sing will receive a free ticket to attend the game.

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**4-H Night at the Great Lakes Loons**
Friday, May 23  
7:05 p.m.  
Dow Diamond, Midland

75 box seats are reserved in a block (families can switch to lawn seats if they want to). Ticket prices are: $9.50 box and $6.50 lawn.

Call the Extension office to reserve your tickets. Payment is due to the Extension office by May 1.

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**2014 Middle of the Mitten Preview Show**
Saturday, May 3, 2014  
9:00 a.m.  
Midland County Fairgrounds

Open to youth ages 8 - 19 by January 1. Entry fee is $15 per head if postmarked by April 12. After April 12 entry fee is $30 per head. Contact the Extension office if you would like to register or for more information.
**Shooting Sports Dates for 2014**

County Events (registration 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. - shoot begins 9:00 a.m.)
- April 12 - Qualifying Shoot
- May 10 - Qualifying Shoot
- June 14 - Qualifying Shoot
- July 12 - County Shooting Competition (July 14, alternate date if rained out)

**NEW THIS YEAR! Pre-registration is required for all Qualifying Shoots. Call the Extension office at 317-4079 to register and let us know what disciplines you will be participating in.**

**Cost per event:**
$5.00 registration fee ($7.00 registration fee if you are shooting trap)
$3.00 registration fee for Cloverbuds ages 7 & 8

Bring your own safety equipment (eye & ear protection)

**4-H Shooting Sports Age Policies**
- 4-H Shooting Sports Programs are open to youth aged 7 - 19. The “4-H age” will be determined by a youth’s age as of January 1 of the 4-H program year.
- 4-H Cloverbud members ages 7-8 may participate in BB gun and basic archery training. Participation is at the discretion of the Certified Instructor and the participant must be under direct adult supervision (one on one). Cloverbuds do not participate in the County Shoot.
- Youth ages 5 & 6 must wait until they reach the 4-H age of 7 to participate in shooting sports.
- Hunter safety certification is required for members age 12 & older
- Members ages 9 – 11 are limited to shooting BB & archery at competitive events
- Youth must attend one qualifying shoot in order to compete at the county shoot

**Where are the Isabella County Fun Shoot events held?**
Events are held at the Isabella Sportsman’s Club at the Corner of Winn & Millbrook Roads
2872 W. Millbrook Road, Mt. Pleasant - 989-866-2505

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**Animal Science 2014 Calendar of Events**

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CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

4-H WORKSHOPS

Registration fee for the below workshops is paid by the Isabella County 4-H Program Council for all enrolled teen (ages 13 and up) and adult 4-H volunteers. To register contact the MSU Extension office at 317-4079.

UPCOMING 4-H WORKSHOPS

Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference - April 25 - 27 at Bay Shore Camp & Family Ministries, Sebewing

Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification - April 25 - 27 at Kettunen Center, Tustin

4-H Companion Animal Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop - May 17 - 18 at Kettunen Center, Tustin

4-H Mentoring Weekend - July 18 - 20 at Kettunen Center, Tustin

For more information on these workshops, visit the 4-H Volunteer Training Workshops page.

Isabella County 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

We hope all rabbit and cavy members are planning to attend the May 10 show at the fairgrounds. Since all rabbits and cavies must be owned by May 1 in order to be exhibited at fair, everyone should have an animal to work with; this would be a great time to begin preparing.

Rabbit registration closes at 8:30 a.m. and cavy registration ends at 10:30 a.m.; showmanship classes begin just after 9:00 a.m.; and breed judging follows the completion of showmanship -- similar to judging day at fair.

There will be several educational classes offered throughout the day, we will have silent auctions for miscellaneous items and rabbits, a cage vender will be on hand, and a concession stand will have snacks for purchase. It is the perfect opportunity to brush up on your showmanship skills, work on the rusty edges of your knowledge before being tested by a judge during fair, and receive comments on an animal science project so you can make any suggested adjustments. Because this is our 25th anniversary show, we will also have a couple of extra events including adult showmanship and "backwards" showmanship -- just for fun. Plus, every mother in attendance will receive a gift.

We do need help to make this show run smoothly and would appreciate any volunteers -- there are lots of different jobs, some of which can be done Friday evening during set up. Please call Angie Coldwell for specific service opportunities or questions in general about the show at 828-6229.
25th Annual Isabella County
4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
Merchant's Building, Isabella County Fairgrounds
500 N. Mission, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Saturday, May 10, 2014

Join us for our SILVER anniversary - new date, new location, special events and activities (including adult showmanship and “backwards” showmanship - just for fun); plus, all moms will receive a special gift!

**SKILL-A-THON** **SIMULATED JUDGING** **EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT**
**SILENT AUCTIONS** **CAGE VENDOR (MasterKorner - 989-697-3687 to pre-order supplies)**

4-H Showmanship: $2.50 per entry (use exhibitor's age @ 1/1/14)
   Junior (9 - 11 years old)
   Intermediate (12 - 14 years old)
   Senior (15 - 19 years old)

Breed Classes: $2.50/entry    Fur Classes: $1.50/entry
Educational Exhibit, Skill-a-Thon, Simulated Judging Classes: $2.50/entry

Rabbit classes enter by 8:30am / Cavies by 10:30am

Show Superintendents: Tammy Brecht - 989/828-6394
                       Alissa Davis - 989/330-1601
Show Secretary: Angie Coldwell - 989/330-1106
                jandacoldwell@cmsinet.net

Rabbit Showmanship: Trophies to 1st & 2nd place each age division
                     Rosettes to 1st through 10th place each age division

Rabbit Breed Classes: Trophies to BOB & BOS for Top 10* Breeds,
                      Best 4-Class, Best 6-Class, and Best in Show

Cavy Showmanship: Trophy to top overall showman (all ages considered)
                  Rosettes to 1st through 10th place each age division

Cavy Breed Classes: Trophy to Best in Show

*If largest cavy breed exceeds entries in #10 rabbit breed, the cavy will receive the BOB/BOS trophy

Educational Competitions: Medals will be awarded to top placings
Cloverbuds (ages 5 - 8 @ 1/1/14) may participate in showmanship for evaluation only -- participation medals will be awarded to all Cloverbuds.
Educational Exhibit: (One exhibit per participant) should be focused on educating first year and non-rabbit members of all ages. Classes will be broken into two age groups: 9-13 years (junior) and 14-19 years (senior). Medals will be awarded to the top entry of each age division.

***SILENT AUCTIONS***
Bid on merchandise and quality rabbits from reputable breeders

DIRECTIONS:

**North**

FROM THE NORTH —
Exit US-127 at the Rosebush exit (#149). Turn right (west) onto Rosebush Road. Travel approximately four blocks to the 4-way stop at Mission Road (bank on the right, Shell on the left). Turn left (south) and travel 3.5 miles; fairgrounds on your left.

FROM THE SOUTH —
Exit US-127 at the Rosebush exit (#149). Turn left (west) onto Rosebush Road. Travel approximately five blocks to the 4-way stop at Mission Road (bank on the right, Shell on the left). Turn left (south) and travel 3.5 miles; fairgrounds on your left.

FROM MIDLAND —
Follow M-20 into Mt. Pleasant, it becomes Pickard Street. At Mission Street (Meijer on right) turn right (north) get into the left lane. Take Mission/Old 27 to a slight left (northwest) which straightens out heading north; travel 2 miles; fairgrounds on your right.

FROM REMUS —
Enter Mt. Pleasant on M-20. Travel east to Mission Street (Shell on left). Turn left (north) onto Mission; travel 1.5 miles, crossing Pickard Street, stay in left lane. Take Mission/Old 27 to a slight left (northwest) which straightens out heading north; travel 2 miles; fairgrounds on your right.

All parking and unloading must be done on the south side of the building.

SEE YOU THERE!!!
Online Youth Animal Care Training Modules

Youth can learn animal care and quality assurance practices about beef, dairy, horses and swine without leaving their home!

Posted on January 24, 2014 by Julie Thelen, Michigan State University Extension

Although the cold temperatures are keeping youth inside, it is the perfect time to encourage young people to learn more about their large animal project! A variety of curriculum exists, in print as well as online, to teach youth about the project they are raising, and management strategies for maintaining human and animal health. According to Michigan State University Extension, quality assurance programs promote the industry’s efforts to produce a safe and wholesome food product, with particular attention to the care and well-being of animals raised for human consumption. Additionally, these programs include best production practices and animal management strategies, which are useful whether or not the animal is entering the food system.

Two youth quality assurance programs are available online; Youth Animal Care Training and Youth Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Plus. These programs are geared towards youth raising and exhibiting beef, dairy, horse and swine projects.

The Youth Animal Care Training was created in 2012 by the Beef Cattle Institute at Kansas State University. These free online educational training modules are for high school aged youth and younger. Through participation in the training, youth can improve their knowledge of animal handling, animal welfare, antimicrobial residue avoidance and food safety. Currently, there are four training packages consisting of:

- Youth Beef Quality Assurance (28 modules)
- Youth Beef Industry Food Safety (7 modules)
- Youth Dairy Animal Care and Quality Assurance (31 modules)
- Youth Humane Equine Management (10 modules)

Youth register online and are immediately able to work through the multimedia training modules at their own pace. Each module ranges from five to 20 minutes in length. Once all the modules within a package are completed and quizzes are passed with 80 percent accuracy or higher, a printable certificate is available. There is no time limit or deadline to complete the modules and quizzes. If youth wish to keep their certificate for quality assurance up-to-date, they can re-certify every three years.

For more information about Youth Animal Care Training, visit www.animalcaretraining.org/youth.

Youth PQA Plus was created in 2007 by the National Pork Board. The educational program is offered online or taught by a certified advisor face-to-face to youth ages eight to 18. Participants in this program will learn how to produce a safe and wholesome food product, with particular attention to the care and well-being of animals raised for pork.

Youth in Michigan have the option to complete their Youth PQA Plus certification training online by accessing an online tutorial hosted by the National Pork Board. To access the online system, youth need to contact the Pork Checkoff Service Center at 1-800-456-7675. Representatives at the service center will then register the youth for the online PQA Plus program. It may take the system up to three days to update the registration; once the registration is completed and the database is updated, an email will be sent to the youth with instructions on how to enter the online system. Once the youth has received access to the system, they will need to complete an online training module.

The system will automatically update the database with the youth’s new expiration date and the youth will be able to print their PQA Plus number and expiration date once the process is completed. Certified advisors will be able to search the system to find current information for the youth.

For more information about the Youth PQA Plus program, visit http://www.pork.org/Certification/2344/youthPqaPlus.aspx.
JOIN US FOR A FITTING CLINIC

Sponsored By:

FAMILY Farm & Home

MAY 10, 2014
at the Michigan State Livestock Pavilion

FREE SEMINARS from 9 AM - 4 PM
Doors open at 8:30 AM for registration

SCHEDULE:
9 - 11 AM CATTLE with Kirk Stierwalt
11 AM - 12:30 PM Lunch on own
12:30 - 2 PM HOG with Mike Whitte
2 - 3:30 PM SHEEP with Kirk Stierwalt and Dan Demeyer
3:30 - 4 PM WRAP UP

Topics include:
CLIPPING FITTING
SHOWMANSHIP DAILY CARE

Concession Stand Available

GIVEAWAYS
w/ 4' Aluminum Showbox
w/ Aluminum Hanging Showbox
w/ 1 Ton Purina Honor Show Chow Feed & Supplements
w/ Other Great Items!

Located at Michigan State Livestock Pavilion
On the NE Corner of Forest and College Road
For directions go to http://ans.msu.edu/ans/directions

If you have any questions, please call
Family Farm & Home at 231-722-8335
12th Annual Clare County Archery Tournament
May 10, 2014 at the Clare Rod and Gun Club
Open to all 4-H Members

- Events in 3-D, Target and Team
- Registration 9:00 AM
- Registration day of event $8.00
- Awards ceremony following tournament

Age Divisions
Cloverbud Ages 7-8 any type of equipment
Beginner Ages 9-11
Junior Ages 12-14
Senior Ages 15-19

Class Divisions
Unsighted - Unsighted with fingers
Sighted - Sighted with fingers
Open - Sighted Compounds with releases
Team Events:
  Target - Unsighted / Sighted
  Target - Open
  3-D - Unsighted / Sighted
  3-D - Open

Clare Rod & Gun Club
10488 S. Eberhart Rd
Clare, MI 48617

E-mail questions to: clare.county.4h.shoot@gmail.com

Food available on grounds:
Hot Dog 1.00
Polish Dog 1.50
Chili and Cheese extra .50
Nachos 2.00
Pop 1.00
Root Beer Floats 1.50
Coffee .50

Registration form on back.
REGISTRATION FORM

Participants Name ____________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________County ______________

4-H Age __________ Birth date ___________ Phone ____________________________

Club _______________________________ Coach/Leader __________________________

E-mail address ______________________________

I give my permission for my child named above to shoot at the Clare County 4-H Shooting Sports Event.

Parent/Guardian’s Signature ____________________________ Date ____________ Emergency Phone Number ____________

Age Division:

___ Clover Bud ages 7-8 _______ Beginner ages 9-11 _______ Jr. ages 12-14 _______ Sr. ages 15-19

3-D

___ Clover Bud-any type of equipment ___ Sighted - sighted with fingers ___ Team 3D - Unsighted / Sighted

___ Unsighted - unsighted with fingers ___ Open - sighted with release ___ Team 3D Open

Target

___ Clover Bud-any type of equipment ___ Sighted - sighted with fingers ___ Team Target - Unsighted / Sighted

___ Unsighted - unsighted with fingers ___ Open - sighted with release ___ Team Target Open

Rules and Regulations

1. Registration Fee: $8.00 day of event.
2. Permission slip and medical release form required.
3. No Equipment is provided.
4. Participants should have 6 arrows and arm guard. Arrows are to remain in quivers until time of shooting.
5. No laser, scope sights, leveling devices permitted.
6. No overdraws permitted.
7. Bow poundage limited to 65# or less.
8. Medals will be given to 3 places for Beginner, Junior and Senior classes. Certificates will be given for the team events. Achievement Awards will be given to Cloverbuds. Any class less than 3 participants will be awarded certificates.
9. In the event of a tie, high score of selected targets in 3-D and selected rounds in field will be evaluated. Target selection will be the discretion of the tournament director.
10. Decisions of scores from range commander and scorekeeper/coach are final.
11. No practice allowed on grounds during tournament day.
12. Poor conduct, sportsmanship, or improper language on part of the shooter while participating in the Tournament are grounds for immediate disqualification.

Description of Archery Events:

3-D Participants will shoot at 15 simulated animal targets over a variable distant field range. They will be given 1 shot per target. Scoring will be 10, 8, and 5 on main body parts. No scores will be given on legs nor.

Target Participants will shoot at a fixed distance depending on class. Cloverbuds will shoot 10 yards other divisions will shoot at 20 yards. Shooting format will use FITA 10 point targets with 6 arrows and 5 rounds of scoring. There will be allowed two rounds of Target practice prior to scoring.

Team Events There will be 4 shooters per team, with five shots of 3-D or 2 rounds of Target per team member.
4-H NIGHT

Date: May 23  Time: 7:05 pm
Guest Appearance from “The Incredible Dr. Pol”

DIVE IN!

ISABELLA COUNTY
Celebrate 4-H night at the ballpark and make your way out to Dow Diamond on May 23rd and watch the Great Lakes Loons take on the South Bend Silver Hawks!

Also making a guest appearance will be Dr. Pol from Nat Geo Wild’s most popular show, “The Incredible Dr. Pol”!

Date: May 23  Time: 7:05pm
Tickets: $9.50 for Box; $6.50 for Lawn
Deadline to purchase tickets: May 9th

To reserve your tickets contact:
Isabella County MSU Extension Office
989-317-4079

Loons.com  989.837.BALL
STATE 4-H Poultry Palooza

Classes:
- Breed Judging
- Showmanship

Other Activities:
- Guest Speaker
- Bird Swap
- Live Bird Auction

Cost:
$3 per class, $5 entry fee

Age Requirements:
All exhibitors must be aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2014. Want to become a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension Office today!

Find out more...
For more information contact your county MSU Extension office or call Katie VanderKolk at (517) 432-5270. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

May 3, 2014
Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte, MI

The Michigan 4-H Poultry Palooza is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.
STATE 4-H GOAT EXPO

Contests:
- Quiz Bowl
- Breed Judging
- Skill-a-thon
- Illustrated talk
- Problem Solving
- Creative Writing
- Educational Posters
- Cookery & Foods
- Arts & Crafts

Cost:
$5 per participant, $3 per contest

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April 26, 2014
Michigan State University, Anthony Hall East Lansing, MI

The Michigan 4-H Goat Show is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.

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4-H Proud Equestrians Program

WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT?
The 4-H Proud Equestrians Program (PEP) is one of a few 4-H-based programs for riders with disabilities in the U.S. Riders include people with physical, developmental, emotional or multiple disabilities. You can be involved in the program either as a youth or adult rider or as a youth or adult volunteer.

Riders:
» Learn to ride.
» Learn horse management skills.

Volunteers:
» Assist riders until they develop the skills to ride independently.
» Serve on planning committees to design local programs, help with fund raising, loan horses or facilities, and fill other vital roles.
» If desired, earn a special certification as a therapeutic riding instructor to teach riding and horsemanship skills.

THE BIG PICTURE
Volunteers assist riders to attain the skills as described in the following objectives:

**Starting Out:**
» Develop basic riding skills.
» Identify colors, breeds and types of equines.
» Practice safe handling of animals.
» Learn grooming techniques.

**Learning More:**
» Improve balance, coordination and posture, and muscle tone.
» Participate in shows, fairs and other activities.
» Describe the signs of a healthy animal.
» Learn and perform the basics of feeding and caring for horses.

**Expanding Horizons:**
» Take on more responsibility in assisting less-skilled riders and mentoring them.
» Explore related careers in special education, occupational and physical therapy, veterinary and human medicine, and animal science.
FOCUS ON 4-H PEP

Science
- Observe the physiological and behavioral effects of illness or lameness on a horse's body.
- Ask questions and formulate answers related to biology and nutrition using equines as a model.
- Learn about the impact of physical and emotional disabilities on others.

Communication
- Develop or enhance the ability to communicate with others, both horse and human.
- Create and perform a demonstration that explains how to perform a specific skill in horse care and management.

Citizenship & Leadership
- Develop a public speaking or demonstration entry for the Michigan 4-H Equine Communication Contest.
- Help others understand the challenges of living with a disability.
- Assist in the adaptation of other 4-H projects for individuals with disabilities.

Life Skills
- Increase self-esteem, self-confidence, discipline and social growth through attaining success and helping others succeed in the program.
- Practice personal resiliency through successes and challenges.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Contact your local Michigan State University (MSU) Extension office for 4-H PEP workshops, activities and events.
- If you are interested in a college education in animal science, veterinary or human medicine, special education, or occupational or physical therapy, visit the MSU website at www.msu.edu to explore those majors.

Adapted with permission from The Iowa 4-H Hot Sheets by Iowa State University Extension, 2011, Iowa 4-H Project Hot Sheet. Retrieved from http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/
2014 4-H Horse Camp 1

Come and learn about the 4-H horse project! You do not need to own a horse to attend this camp. Horse camp 1 will give you a general base of knowledge of your equipment and animal, and how to be safe. This will be a great learning experience and a good way to go into Horse Camp 2. Geared towards novice/beginning riders including youth who have never owned a horse.

**Learning Targets:**
- General Horse Safety
- Horse Show Terminology
- Horse Anatomy
- Parts of the saddle and bridals
- Bits
- Breeds and Colors
- Correct Show Attire
- Saddle Fitting
- Different Riding Styles

For more information contact Jessica Janetski at 989-330-9980 or jjjranch1@yahoo.com

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<th>WHEN:</th>
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<td>WHERE:</td>
<td>Color the Winds Ranch (located at 2242 E Stevenson Lake Road, Clare)</td>
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<td>AGES:</td>
<td>5 - 19 year olds (by 1/1/14)</td>
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Name of Camper:____________________________________    Age (as of 1/1/14):________
Address:______________________________________________________________________

Gender:  M    F

Email:________________________________________________

Are you currently a 4-H member in Isabella County?  Yes___   No___
Residence:  ____Farm     ____Town Under 10,000    ____Town/city w/population of 10,000-50,000    ____Suburb

Racial-Ethnic background: *(for statistical purposes only)*

- [ ] White, not of Hispanic origin
- [ ] Asian or Pacific Islander
- [ ] Hispanic
- [ ] American Indian or Alaskan Native
- [ ] Black, not of Hispanic Origin

Special Needs:  ____Emotional    ____Learning    ____Mental    ____Physical

Registration Deadline:  Friday, April 4th
Make check payable to:  Teen Horse Leader’s
Return form and check to:  Isabella County MSUE, 200 N. Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI  48858

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Montcalm County 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
LOCATION: Montcalm County 4-H Fairgrounds Ash Building
8784 Peck Road, Greenville, MI 48838
Saturday, April 19, 2014
Enter by 8:00 a.m. — Show starts at promptly 9:00 a.m.

Showmanship
$2.00 entry

Trophy for each class winner:
• Cloverbuds: 4-H ages 5 - 8 (participation awards only — no placing/trophies)
• Beginners: 4-H ages 9 - 10
• Juniors: 4-H ages 11 - 12
• Intermediates: 4-H ages 13 - 14
• Seniors: 4-H ages 15 - 19

~ Place ribbons up to 5th place ~

** Educational Posters exhibits will also be judged **
- $1.00 per entry **

Breed Class — Rabbit & Cavy
$2.50 entry fee — Breed
$1.50 entry fee — Fur/Wool

Awards for:
• Rabbits — BOB & BOS
• Grand Champion & Reserve Meat Pens/Fryer
• Best Reserve in Show
• Best in Show
• Cavy — BOB & BOS
• Cavy — Best in Show & Reserve in Show
• Cloverbuds — participation awards only
— no placing/trophies

For more information contact:
* Tom Gittus — (989) 807-0349  
* Linda Pettersen — (989) 365-3775
~ Delicious Concessions will be available ~
~ Cage Dealer will be present ~

EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE CARRYING CAGES WITH LEAK-PROOF BOTTOMS FOR ALL ANIMALS
~ Animals just in regular cages will not be permitted! ~

Directions:
From the South: (picking up M-66 from I-96) Head North on M-66 toward Stanton (21 miles); Turn left, toward Greenville, on West M-57 (9 miles); Turn right onto North M-91, continuing through Greenville (2.5 miles); Turn right onto Peck Road & go about 1/4 mile before hitting the grounds.

From the West: (picking up M-57 from 131) Head East on M-57 until you hit M-91 (16 miles); Turn left onto North M-91, continuing through Greenville (2.5 miles); follow same directions “From the South”.

From the East: (picking up M-57 from 127) Head West on M-57 until you hit M-91 (34 miles); Turn right onto North M-91, continuing through Greenville (2.5 miles); follow same directions “From the South”.

From the North: (picking up M-46 from 127) Head West of M-46 until you hit M-91 (30 miles); Turn left onto South M-91 (15.5 miles); Turn left onto Peck Road & go about 1/4 mile before hitting the grounds.

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SAVE THE DATES

4-H Qualifying Shoot - April 12
TSC Spring Paper Clover Sales - April 23 - May 4
Swine Tagging - May 4
Sheep Weigh-In - May 4
Goat Weigh-In - May 4
Isabella County 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show - May 10
4-H Qualifying Shoot - May 10
4-H Qualifying Shoot - June 14
4-H Exploration Days - June 18 - 20
Camp Counselor Training – July 7
4-H Summer Camp (overnight) - July 8 & 9
4-H County Shoot - July 12
4-H Cloverbud Day Camp - July 14 & 15
Fair Entry Day - July 19
Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair – July 20- 26

In 2014, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the Cooperative Extension Service, a state-by-state national network of educators who extend university-based research and knowledge to the people.

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

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